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NEW PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Apache Corporation

for: **A System for Estimating Thickness of Thin Subsurface Strata**

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of a title page, a 17 page disclosure, 6 pages of claims, and a 1 page abstract of the disclosure.
 One set of INFORMAL drawings consisting of 7 sheets.
 An assignment of the invention to Apache Corporation.
(Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 enclosed.)
 Assignment Recordation Form.
 A combined Power of Attorney and Declaration executed by all of the Inventors.
 A Power of Attorney executed by the Inventor(s)/Assignee.
 An Information Disclosure Statement (with PTO form 1449).
 Declaration executed by the Inventor(s).
 Statement(s) Claiming Small Entity Status.
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CLAIMS AS FILED

SMALL ENTITY

Total Claims $25 - 20 = 5 \times \$18.00 = \90.00
Independent Claims $5 - 3 = 2 \times \$78.00 = \156.00

Basic Fee \$690.00

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